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Date Complaint Received:	12/3/2013
Complaint Received By:	DHS
Provider Name and Location:	Laura Castell – 208 3 rd St. SW, State Center, IA 50247

Complaint: Alleged that Laura slapped a child in the mouth causing injury.

Rule Basis: 110.5(6)a Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking and slapping is not used.

Findings: The incident was seen as accidental in nature. It was not Ms. Castell's intent to slap the child. She states that in an effort to stop a child from spitting on another child she put her hand out as the child moved forward. The child sustained a bloody nose.

A check was done of the home at the time of an unannounced visit on December 10th, 2013. Ms. Castell had had a spot check completed in October of 2013 at which time she was fully compliant. Ms. Castell had done some rearranging recently and had cords hanging by the television. Ms. Castell was asked to tether the cords in order to prevent strangulation and to come into compliance with the following code section:

110.5(1)e All electrical cords are properly used. This means not found under rugs, over hooks, through door openings, etc.

Resolution: Ms. Castell needs to tether the cords by her television immediately. No further action is needed with regard to the complaint.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at 319-292-2419 or email address ahuntin@dhs.state.ia.us

Sincerely,

Angela Huntington
Social Worker II